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TEN CENTS A WEEK

13 PERSONS PERISH

Fatal Tenement House Fire Takes Place In New York.

ALL DEAD WERE ITALIANS

Bodies Were Found Huddled Together on Top Floor Where Terror-Stricken People Had Been Driven by the Flames—Revenge of Burglars.

New York, Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early Monday in a tenement house fire at One Hundred and Ninth street and Second avenue.

All the dead were Italians. Several of the thirteen were children.

The bodies were found huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the building where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames which rushed up from the lower floors. They had succumbed before they could reach windows which led to the fire escapes. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death in the flames.

Work of Incendiaries.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries, who sought revenge, is the opinion of the police and firemen who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of attempting to rob a safe in the saloon of Giuseppe Cudano, on the ground floor. The safe contained over \$2,000, which the saloonkeeper's friends had withdrawn from banks during the money panic.

The would-be robbers were arrested, and are now awaiting trial.

The fire of Monday started in Cudano's saloon, and the police believe that it may have been the work of friends of the prisoners, who took this means of squaring the account with the saloonkeeper.

Fled for Their Lives.

Cudano discovered the fire when he went down to open his place of business early Monday morning. As he opened the door, he was met by a rush of flames and without waiting a moment to investigate, dashed up the stairs to the tenements above, crying out for the occupants of the building to run for their lives.

When he reached the rooms occupied by his own family, he burst in the door and seizing his young son, Dominio, in his arms, told Mrs. Cudano and other members of the family to follow him.

Cudano and the boy managed to find their way down the stairs to the street, but before the women could get through, the flames had cut off exit by that avenue. It is supposed that Mrs. Cudano and the other children sought safety in the upper part of the building.

Just what happened in the burning building before the fire was checked never will be known.

Fire Spread Rapidly.

Subsequently the flames spread, and almost before the men arrived the whole building was a furnace and it was impossible for any one to enter. Even the cries of the agonized women and children were drowned by the roar of and crackle of the flames.

Not a single person was seen to appear at any of the windows of the blazing building with the exception of those on the second floor from which several persons reached fire escapes and were rescued. The reason for this was explained, when, after the flames had been partly checked, firemen fought their way through the smoke to the upper floors. There they came upon piles of dead where they had fallen victims to the rush of flames or smoke, even before they had a chance to attempt to save themselves.

Heroic Mother.

In one of the leaps the firemen discovered a woman who had made one last desperate effort to save the life of her baby even when she knew that she herself was doomed to a horrible death. She had folded her arms tight around the little one and then had died around it. The firemen had to pry her away from the child. The

mother's body was badly burned. That of the child bore scarcely a mark, but it was dead from suffocation. On every side of the mother and the babe lay the bodies of other victims.

CARLOS' THRONE SHAKY.

Portugal Thought To Be on the Eve of a Revolution.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Reports representing that Portugal is on the eve of a revolution are received here with caution as dispatches coming direct from that country have been censored and those directly across the frontier are held more or less under suspicion. Both the reports of the banishment of the crown prince and the mutiny of the fleet are denied by the Portugal embassy here; nevertheless, the making of arrests, the suspension of a newspaper and other repressive measures which have been taken by what Premier Franco terms "an administrative dictatorship," seem conclusive that matters in Portugal have entered upon a critical stage.

This condition undoubtedly has been precipitated by the interview with King Carlos, which was published last week, in which he announced his absolute faith in Premier Franco and his intention to allow the premier to choose the time for the holding of the election of the cortes. The parliamentary opposition, which has been stirring up the country for months past, expected by a gigantic demonstration planned for Jan. 2, next, to force the king to dismiss Premier Franco, but his majesty's bold endorsement of the dictatorship removes this hope, abruptly consolidating the entire opposition in the direction of republicanism.

SHIPS STORM-TOSSED.

Violent Storm Sweeps Along Atlantic Coast, Doing Damage.

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Nov. 26.—The northeast gale, which swept along the Atlantic coast Sunday, was especially severe in this vicinity.

One life was lost as a direct result of the heavy seas, and a schooner was blown ashore and is in danger of being pounded to pieces. All vessels kept within the harbor, and some had trouble in preventing their anchors from dragging and being blown ashore.

The schooner S. M. Bird, with a cargo of lumber, from Charleston, S. C., for New York, parted both anchor chains while anchored off Cape Henlopen and was blown on the beach at Lewes. The Lewes life-saving crew went to the assistance of the schooner's crew and brought ashore the captain's wife and child with great difficulty. Captain Boldt and his crew refused to leave the vessel.

The man who lost his life was W. J. Walker, of Grace Point, Va., an oiler on the ocean-going tug Luckenbach. He was pitched against the machinery by the rolling of the tug, and his left leg was crushed. Later he died from loss of blood.

Stabbed Through the Heart.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 26.—At Birchwood, a small village near this city, Garfield Hill, 20 years old, was stabbed through the heart and instantly killed by Nathan Dixon Sunday afternoon. The boys were with a crowd who were laughing and joking when Dixon struck a match for the purpose of lighting his pipe. Hill blew out the match. He was told by Dixon not to repeat the performance. He lighted another match, which was promptly blown out. Instantly Dixon whipped out a knife, and plunged it into Hill's heart. Both are members of prominent families. Dogs are on the trail of the murderer.

Mr. Cleveland Again Ill.

New York, Nov. 26.—According to reports received in New York from President Grover Cleveland is again confined ill at his home in Princeton. He is said to have suffered a relapse of the old intestinal trouble which troubled him last June. The present attack, it is said, developed on Thursday last and although severe at first, Mr. Cleveland showed considerable improvement on Friday. The details of his condition could not be learned at his home. Beyond an admission that he "was very ill and confined to his bed," no information was given out.

TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Second Hearing of Thaw Case to Come Up in January.

IS CONFIDENT OF ACQUITTAL

Thaw Believes He Will Be Freed and Is Preparing for Second Ordeal.

Both Sides Agree to a Postponement of the Case.

New York, Nov. 26.—The second trial of Harry Kendall Thaw, set for one week from Monday, Nov. 25, will again be postponed, and there is little chance that it will be called until some date well along in January. The decision to ask for a postponement has been agreed to by both sides.

It is due partly to the fact that the task of selecting a jury would be made doubly hard by the approach of the holidays, and the prospect before the talesmen of spending both Christmas and New Year's day locked up under the care of court bailiffs, and also to the fact that Thaw's counsel has applied to the court for permission to inspect the secret evidence presented before the lunacy commission during the progress of the first trial.

As an added cause for delay there is a rumor that the attorneys now representing Thaw may apply for a change of venue, declaring a fair trial for their client in New York county is impossible. Such a move, if made, would be based upon the alleged unfriendly attitude of many of the local papers, and the extent to which the evidence was printed and read in this community. District Attorney Jerome will seriously oppose the granting of a change in the scene of the trial.

It is nearly a year since the first trial was begun. It covered a period of twelve weeks, and after two days and two nights of deliberation the jury could not agree.

Thaw, in his cell in the famous old Tombs prison, which he has occupied since the night of the tragedy on the Madison Square Roof Garden June 25, 1906, is planning for his second trial with the same confidence of acquittal that he prepared for the first ordeal. He daily advises with his counsel, chafes at the delays already encountered in getting his story before a second jury and is impatient for his days in court to begin.

It is nearly a year since the first trial was begun. It covered a period of twelve weeks and after two days and two nights of deliberation the jury could not agree. Seven of the twelve men who heard the drastic recital of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw—a story of alleged wrongful treatment at the hands of the noted architect; a story that, as flashed by telegraph and cable to every part of the civilized world and read as one of the most remarkable utterances ever heard in a courtroom—failed to believe that her confession to her husband justified him three years after in taking the life of the man charged with the ruin of his chorus-girl wife. They voted for guilty of murder in the first degree. Five jurors, on the other hand, were ready to acquit, most of them believing that Thaw's mind had been so upset over the story of the girl's downfall that he was bereft of reason and was entitled to that provision of the law which excuses a person so insane as not to know the nature or quality of his act and not to know that the act is wrong. At the police station the night of the tragedy and afterward in the city prison Thaw contended he was acting as an agent of Providence in sending Stanford White to his grave.

Great interest centers in the course of the defense at the coming trial. It is generally believed that despite any ideas of justification which Thaw may maintain, his present lawyers will confine themselves to making out a case of legal insanity.

Whisky at "Old Moss" Sale.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 26.—Auctioneer Hill has been arrested at the city of Brown for selling an "old

hoss" sale of the express company, a jug of whisky. It is alleged to be in violation of the prohibition laws for the express people to adopt this method of getting charges out of uncalled-for goods. A test of the right to thus realize on delinquent charges will be made.

MRS. BRADLEY'S TRIAL.

Hearing of Evidence May Be Concluded This Week.

Washington, Nov. 26.—When the trial of Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, charged with the murder of former United States Senator Arthur Brown, was resumed Monday in criminal court No. 1, the belief was entertained on all sides that the hearing of evidence would be concluded this week. It is not expected that court will sit on Thanksgiving day, and as trials, as a rule, are not conducted on Saturdays, the finishing testimony will be crowded into four days.

The arguments will begin next week and the indications now are that the case will go to the jury not later than Thursday, Dec. 5.

A number of insanity experts on both sides were in court Monday and their presence added interest to the case, because of the conflict of opinion which they are bound to entertain.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Secretary Taft's Train Came Near Being Wrecked.

Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, Nov. 26.—It was learned here Monday that the train upon which Secretary Taft and his party are traveling over the trans-Siberian railroad from Vladivostok to Moscow, had a narrow escape from being wrecked Sunday at Chita.

A switch in front of the Taft train became open when it should have been shut, but an employe discovered this circumstance one minute before the train came along, closed the switch and kept it on the proper rails. Had the train been thrown on to the siding, it would have crashed into a number of freight cars.

Big Football Receipts.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 26.—It is announced that the foot ball receipts for the season for Yale will reach approximately \$80,000. While this is not a record-breaking amount, it is unusually high. Yale and Harvard shares equally \$68,000 after Saturday's game and the receipts of the Yale-Princeton game, also split evenly between the teams, amount to \$66,000. The sums spent by visitors to the game Saturday and the enormous amounts won by Yale students on the game will completely break the money stringency in New Haven.

Flurry Will Soon Be Over.

Anniston, Ala., Nov. 25.—J. M. Barr, president of the Woodstock Iron company, declares he believes the financial flurry will be over in a short time. As far as his company is concerned, its blast furnace in this city has lost but one day since it was overhauled and started operations last spring. These views are shared by H. F. DeBardeleben, the great Alabama mineral expert, and others connected with the Woodstock company. This company will not retrench operations, it is understood.

Little Newsboy Killed.

Atlanta, Nov. 26.—Buford Bailey, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. M. A. Bailey of 115 South Pryor street, was run over and killed by a street car at the south end of the Whitehall street viaduct shortly before 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The boy was playing with a companion, and in trying to avoid one car ran in front of another and was instantly killed. Atlanta newsboys are getting up a subscription to pay funeral expenses and aid his widowed mother.

Thomas Statue Unveiled.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Sunday afternoon, in the presence of 12,000 or 15,000 people, a bronze statue of the late John W. Thomas, president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, was unveiled. It was erected by the John W. Thomas Memorial association, contributions coming entirely from directors, officers and employees of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad company.

CRUSADE IS PLANNED

Prohibitionists will Attempt to Carry New York State.

TO PUT OUT A STATE TICKET

Cheered by the Success of Georgia and Alabama, Attempt Will Be Made to Elect Prohibition Legislature Next Year.

New York, Nov. 26.—What they believe to be the greatest temperance movement in the history of New York state is being planned to move the state into a "dry" column.

If Alabama and Georgia have turned to prohibition, say the New Yorkers, they say.

A state ticket will be put in the field and the campaign for a legislature which will pass a prohibition law next year, is in the making, and will be actively carried on.

FINANCES BRIGHTER.

Believed Banks Will Soon Resume Payments in Currency.

New York, Nov. 26.—That the banks of New York and elsewhere in the country will soon resume payments in currency is the opinion expressed by men prominent in the financial world. The issuance of \$100,000,000 of treasury indemnity bonds by most made the basis for this statement. The banks, it is said, are enabled, because of the enormous importations of gold, to take up most of this, and therefore increase the bank note circulation.

It is said that several millions in currency will be released by New York banks for loans and that the rate will fall to normal is expected. Bankers are of the opinion that the currency premium will within a very short time disappear.

During the flurry, it is estimated \$125,000,000 has been withdrawn from the banks of New York, and the amount withdrawn throughout the country is estimated at \$335,000,000. Government house certificates are in use in parts of three cities of over 100,000 population, the amount of the certificates outstanding in New York city being \$75,000,000.

PROHI CRUSADE.

Reform Movement Has Been Launched at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 26.—A "dry" New Orleans as the city of prohibitionists, and a reform movement in other parts of the state began here Sunday.

Ministers in nearly all the Protestant churches devoted their sermons to appeals against the liquor traffic.

Simultaneously persons were gathered at home from church members and in Sunday's papers the proposed plans of influential citizens were first, to force the resignation of the Louisiana Liquor License Commission, and second, to petition the city council to close the saloons of such resorts. The closing of dives, and the liquor resorts, is one of the first steps to create such surroundings. The city is said as will minimize crime and violence.

Company Probed for Graft.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 26.—An examination into the affairs of the Southern Bituminous Coal company has been continued to next Monday with a clean bill thus far from the company. Mayor Ward has said he knew of no graft and that the commissioner McCartin had no part in the little pavement. It has been said that the company gave the Catholic church \$200,000 to pay its assessment, but that was voluntary and not graft. Some aldermen declare they have not detected graft and have not stood up to this time.